

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for incubating a culture medium accommodated in an incubation space defined in a storeroom, the CO<sub>2</sub> incubator comprising:

CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detection means for detecting a CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the incubation space,

air-agitating blower for agitating the air in the incubation space to make uniform the state of the air,

a measurement air sampling tube communicating with the inside of the incubation space,

a measurement air return tube communicating with the inside of the incubation space,  
a pump for sucking a part of the air in the incubation space into the measurement air sampling tube, and returning the air to the incubation space through the measurement air return tube after being taken by the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detection means.

CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration setting means for setting a desired CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration to be present in the incubation space,

CO<sub>2</sub> gas supply means for supplying a CO<sub>2</sub> gas into the incubation space, and

a control means for controlling the CO<sub>2</sub> gas supply means that executes an operation of proportion, proportion and integration, or proportion and integration and differentiation on the basis of a deviation between the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration in the incubation space as detected by said CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detection means and the set CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration value set by said CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration setting means to calculate a CO<sub>2</sub> gas supply time per unit time to the incubation space and a stop time, and to supply CO<sub>2</sub> gas to the incubation space from the CO<sub>2</sub> gas supply means in accordance with the calculated supply time and stop time.

2. (Original) The CO<sub>2</sub> incubator according to claim 1, wherein the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detection means is constituted of a CO<sub>2</sub> sensor using infrared rays.

3. (Previously presented) The CO<sub>2</sub> incubator according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of incubation spaces are disposed in the incubator and

the control means selects the gas in any incubation space, detects the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration of the selected gas by the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detection means, and controls the supply of the CO<sub>2</sub> gas to each incubation space in accordance with the detected CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration.

4. (Original) The CO<sub>2</sub> incubator according to claim 3, wherein the control means displays the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detected in each incubation space.

5. (Previously presented) The CO<sub>2</sub> incubator according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of incubation spaces are disposed in the incubator and

the control means selects the gas in any incubation space, detects the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration of the selected gas by the CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration detection means, and controls the supply of the CO<sub>2</sub> gas to each incubation space in accordance with the detected CO<sub>2</sub> gas concentration.